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REFS: A) GENEVA 4076, B) GENEVA 3964, C) GENEVA 4121,
D) GENEVA 4093, E) GENEVA 4126, F) GENEVA 4077 G) GENEVA 3705,
H) GENEVA 3962

1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD WO PLENARY MEETINGS, ON MARCH

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14 AND 16. BULGARIA MADE A VITUPERATIVE STATEMENT

CRITICIZING U.S. MARCH 9 STATEMENT ON REDUCED BLAST/

ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS, WHILE THE UK AND THE FRG

SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. POSITION ON THE SUBJECT.

SWEDEN MADE A POSITIVE STATEMENT ON THE FINAL REPORT OF

THE SEISMIC EXPERTS' GROUP, SUGGESTING EXTENSION OF THE

GROUP'S MANDATE AND SUPPORTING THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION

TO CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE INVOLVING THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM. THE NETHERLANDS, U.S., ITALY, UK AND FRG ALSO MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE SEISMIC EXPERTS' REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS; THE USSR COMMENDED THE SEISMIC GROUP FOR ITS WORK AND SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE THE CONDUCT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF THE SYSTEM, BUT ONLY AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. THERE WAS ONE MEETING OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND ONE MEETING OF THE WESTERN GROUP TO DISCUSS THE SEISMIC EXPERTS' FINAL REPORT AND ONE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CCD TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CCD'S SPECIAL REPORT. MEXICO TABLED TWO WORKING PAPERS ON SSOD, PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK, AND THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CCD HELD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS, MARCH 14 AND 16. AMBASSADOR VOUTOV (BULGARIA), IN REFERENCE TO U.S. MARCH 9 STATEMENT ON REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION (RB/ER) WEAPONS (REF F), MADE A VITUPERATIVE STATEMENT REPEATING SOVIET-LINE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE "NEUTRON BOMB" AND CALLING U.S. AMBASSADOR'S "PLAIN TALK" (PARA 2, REF F) "ROUGH TALK." HE SAID THAT SOME CCD REPRESENTATIVES OF "NON-SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES HAD CALLED THE U.S. STATEMENT "UNWARRANTED CONFRONTATION WITH CONNOTATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COLD WAR" AND IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. ESCHEWED CONSTRUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES, AS EVIDENCED BY THE WAY THE U.S. IGNORED THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE "NEUTRON BOMB." AMBASSADOR ASHE (UK) SUPPORTED THE U.S. MARCH 9 STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT THE SOCIALIST ATTACK WAS NOTHING MORE THAN "ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA." CAUTIONING THE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE ITS REPUTATION AS A SERIOUS EXPERT BODY FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATION, HE POINTED OUT THAT "A GOOD REPUTATION IS LIKE VIRGINITY - ONCE LOST IT IS GONE FOREVER" AND OBSERVED THAT, IF GIVEN FIVE MINUTES, HE COULD PRODUCE A DRAFT TREATY BANNING THE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE SS-20. AMBASSADOR FISHER (U.S.) REJECTED THE BULGARIAN DESCRIPTION OF HIS MARCH 9 STATEMENT AS "ROUGH TALK" AND BRIEFLY REITERATED THE RELEVANT POINTS OF THAT STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR PFEIFFER (FRG) JOINED THE UK IN SUPPORTING THE U.S. MARCH 9 STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THE DEFENSIVE CHARACTER OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND POINTING OUT THAT ONLY AN AGGRESSOR WOULD HAVE TO FEAR ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES (SEE REF E).

3. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UK, AMBASSADOR ASHE, ON

BEHALF OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE U.S., THE UK, AND THE
USSR, MADE AN AGREED TRIPARTITE STATEMENT ON THE STATUS
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (REF C).

4. AMBASSADOR HAMILTON (SWEDEN) MADE A BRIEF, POSITIVE
STATEMENT ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF
SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE
MEASURES TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS AND INTRO-
DUCED A SWEDISH WORKING PAPER (CCD/562) PROPOSING TO EX-
TEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP
TO STUDY THE MORE PRACTICAL AND OPERATIVE ASPECTS OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
FOR THE EXCHANGE AND PROCESSING OF SEISMIC DATA WITH A

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VIEW TO CONDUCTING AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF THE SYSTEM
(TEXT CONTAINED REF H). THE NETHERLANDS, U.S. (SEE REF

B), ITALY, UK (SEE REF D), AND FRG ALSO MADE BRIEF, POSITIVE STATEMENTS ON THE FINAL REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUPPORTED THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL. THE USSR MADE A STATEMENT (REF D) COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS AND SUPPORTING, "IN PRINCIPLE," ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. SOVIET DEL MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE CONDUCT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL

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EXERCISE OF THE SYSTEM BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT), AND SOUGHT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS POSITION WAS SHARED BY THE U.S. AND UK AS "POINTED OUT" IN THE TRIPARTITE STATEMENT ON CTB. THE U.S. REP INTERVENED TO CLARIFY THAT THE TRI-LATERAL STATEMENT DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE TAKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CTBT (SEE REF D).

5. THERE WAS ONE MEETING OF THE CCD CO-CHAIRMEN (REPORTED REF A) AND ONE MEETING OF THE WESTERN GROUP TO DISCUSS THE SEISMIC EXPERTS' FINAL REPORT AND THE CCD SCHEDULE. MOST MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN GROUP PREFERRED A RECESS OF THE CCD DURING FINAL SSOD PREPCOM. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL (REF H) AND A GENERAL FEELING THAT SWEDES WOULD AGREE NOT TO INSIST ON HAVING AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE BEFORE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CTBT IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET AGREEMENT TO EXTENDING THE AD HOC GROUP'S MANDATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING SUCH AN EXERCISE.

6. THE CCD HELD ONE INFORMAL MEETING TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CCD'S SPECIAL REPORT TO THE UNSSOD. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, THERE SEEMED TO BE CONSENSUS THAT THE SPECIAL REPORT SHOULD: (1) BE QUITE BRIEF SO AS TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL BE READ; (2) CONTAIN AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 1961 TO THE 32ND UNGA; AND (3) CONTAIN A SYNOPSIS OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CCD'S DELIBERATIONS SINCE THE 32ND UNGA, INCLUDING BRIEF STATEMENTS OF THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.

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7. MEXICO TABLED TWO WORKING PAPERS ON SSOD, WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN NEW YORK, ENTITLED "SOME FUNDAMENTAL

PRINCIPLES AND NORMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE "DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT" ENVISAGED IN THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, APPROVED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON 18 MAY 1977 (A/AC.187/56)" (CCD/560) AND "OUTLINE OF A DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (A/AC.187/89)" (CCD/561 AND ADDENDUM).

8. THE CCD DECIDED TO HOLD THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT ON MARCH 20 (SEE REF F).
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